



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, DC

Issued by the Department of Transportation on July 7, 2003

**NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-2003-15180**

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Application of Continental Airlines, Inc. filed 5/13/03 for:

**XX** Exemption under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to provide the following service:

**Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in the United Arab Emirates directly and via intermediate points, and beyond the United Arab Emirates to any point or points in third countries, and to combine this authority with its existing exemption and certificates. Continental intends to operate this service under a code-share arrangement with Emirates. Continental requested this authority for an indefinite duration.**

Applicant rep: R. Bruce Keiner, Jr. (202) 624-2500 DOT Analyst: Sylvia Moore (202) 366-6519

**DISPOSITION**

**XX** **Granted** (subject to conditions, see below)

**XX** **Balance dismissed** (i.e., request for longer-term authority)

The above action was effective when taken: July 7, 2003, through July 7, 2005

Action taken by: **Paul L. Gretch, Director**  
**Office of International Aviation**

**XX** **The exemption authority granted is consistent with the aviation agreement between the United States and United Arab Emirates.**

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated: **XX** **Holder's Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity**

**XX** **Standard Exemption Conditions (attached)**

**XX** **Statement of authorization approving Continental/Emirates code-share operations, dated July 1, 2003, and conditions therein**

(See Reverse Side)

**Conditions:** The route integration authority granted is subject to the condition that any service provided under this exemption shall be consistent with all applicable agreements between the United States and the foreign countries involved. Furthermore, (a) nothing in award of the route integration authority requested should be construed as conferring upon Continental rights (including fifth-freedom intermediate and/or beyond rights) to serve markets where U.S. carrier entry is limited unless Continental notifies the Department of its intent to serve such a market and unless and until the Department has completed any necessary carrier selection procedures to determine which carrier(s) should be authorized to exercise such rights; and (b) should there be a request by any carrier to use the limited-entry route rights that are included in Continental's authority by virtue of the route integration exemption granted here, but that are not then being used by Continental, the holding of such authority by route integration will not be considered as providing any preference for Continental in a competitive carrier selection proceeding to determine which carrier(s) should be entitled to use the authority at issue.

The authority granted to serve intermediate and beyond points is limited to countries with which the United States has signed open-skies agreements and/or countries for which the carrier holds authority to serve under certificates or exemptions issued by the Department, and for which it holds route integration authority by virtue of either the present action or other action of the Department.

**Remarks:** Consistent with our standard practice for this type of application, we granted Continental's exemption authority for a period of two years and dismissed its request for longer-term authority.

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On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(g) of the Department's regulations, we found the applicant qualified to provide the services authorized.

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) our action was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the exemption was consistent with the public interest, and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within seven (7) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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### **U.S. Carrier Exemption Conditions**

In the conduct of operations authorized, the U.S. carrier applicant(s) shall:

- (1) Hold at all times effective operating authority from the government of each country served;
- (2) Comply with applicable requirements concerning oversales contained in 14 CFR 250 (for scheduled operations, if authorized);
- (3) Comply with the requirements for reporting data contained in 14 CFR 241;
- (4) Comply with requirements for minimum insurance coverage, and for certifying that coverage to the Department, contained in 14 CFR 205;
- (5) Except as specifically exempted or otherwise provided for in a Department Order, comply with the requirements of 14 CFR 203, concerning waiver of Warsaw Convention liability limits and defenses;
- (6) Comply with the applicable requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration Regulations and with all applicable U.S. Government requirements concerning security;<sup>1</sup> and
- (7) Comply with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations required by the public interest as may be prescribed by the Department of Transportation, with all applicable orders and regulations of other U.S. agencies and courts, and with all applicable laws of the United States.

The authority granted shall be effective only during the period when the holder is in compliance with the conditions imposed above.

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<sup>1</sup> To assure compliance with all applicable U.S. Government requirements concerning security, the holder should, before commencing any new service (including charter flights) to or from a foreign airport, inform its Principal Security Inspector (PSI) to advise the PSI of its plans and to find out whether the Transportation Security Administration has determined that security is adequate to allow such airport(s) to be served.

